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**From:** Moffatt, Brett  
**Sent:** Thur 7/23/2015 12:54:18 AM  
**Subject:** RE: End of Day -- July 22 2015

Thanks Gretchen.

David, I see that Vince Fong is McCarthy's District Director. Chad Hathaway added him to the distribution list this afternoon for the email response on his FOIA request re the Fruitvale Field Class I injection wells.

Brett Moffatt

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**From:** Busterud, Gretchen  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 22, 2015 5:17 PM  
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FYI Congressional interest in UIC issues.

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**To:** Zito, Kelly; Glenn, William; Gaudario, Abigail; R9 Supervisors

**Cc:** Barkett, Bonnie; Maier, Brent; Calvino, Maria Soledad; Higuchi, Dean; Reyes, Deldi; PerezSullivan, Margot; Mogharabi, Nahal; Nazmi, Niloufar; Harris-Bishop, Rusty; Hudnall, Patricia; Ford, Margaret; Henderson, Alita; COHEN, Deborra; Pratt, Kristen; Kemmerer, John; Meltzer, Kathy; Plenys, Thomas; Engelman, Alexa; Hood, Timonie; Blazej, Nova; Stollman, Scott; Johnson, AudreyL; Amato, Paul; Schmidt, David; Skadowski, Suzanne; Rao, Kate; Ty, Fatima; Kao, Jessica

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## MEDIA

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**Bay Crossings Magazine:** Reporter Billy Picture asked for photos of the PIAEE award ceremony for his story about James Powell, the teacher at Menlo-Atherton High School who recently received the Environmental Education Award. Sent. CLOSED. LAND. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

**San Mateo Daily Journal:** Reporter Austin Walsh wants to do a story on James Powell and the 2015 PIAEE Awards. Setting up a phone interview with Mr. Powell and the program to discuss the award. OPEN. LAND. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

## WEB

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### Social Media:

**Clean Power Rule** – At the request of headquarters, posted to our [Facebook](#) page about the proposed [Clean Power Plan for Existing Power Plants](#).

## CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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**Call with Jason Gray of House Appropriations Committee:** DRA Alexis Strauss along with Water Division's Mike Montgomery and David Albright provided an update on the California UIC issue and the status of the aquifer exemptions to Jason Gray of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies. Ed Walsh of HQ OCFO helped coordinate and participated in this call and Brent Maier joined this discussion. We committed to updating Jason on any new developments as this issue moves forward.

**Rep. Kevin McCarthy (R-CA-23):** Kyle Lombardi, Legislative Director for House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy sent a note to Water Division's Mike Montgomery and David Albright requesting an update for himself and Vince Fong, District Director on the status of California UIC exempt aquifers issue. Brent Maier has confirmed a call for Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm PT and provided a call-in number and access code to all participants.

**Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA-7):** A new incoming letter (#AL-15-001-1753) from Congressman Ami Bera was controlled to Region IX regarding the status of an EPA audit of the City of Elk Grove's Stormwater Management Program. Brent Maier has controlled this new incoming letter to Claire Trombadore in our Enforcement Division for her to work with David Wampler to assign someone to develop a draft response for final signature by the Regional Administrator by due date of August 5, 2015.

**Rep. Gregorio Sablan (CNMI)** Staffer Becky Lizama had questions on Water grants breakdown for CNMI. Mike Lee of Water Division answered all of her questions regarding the various projects they were interested in. Dean Higuchi

**House Energy and Commerce Committee:** The House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Energy and Power voted today to approve an energy package, sending the bill to the full committee for a vote expected to take place in September. The Subcommittee approved the legislation by voice vote and without amendment. The legislation which includes titles on modernizing infrastructure, building a "21st century workforce," energy security and energy efficiency - is the product of months of public and private discussions with Republicans and Democrats on the committee.

<http://energycommerce.house.gov/sites/republicans.energycommerce.house.gov/files/114/07-20-15%20EP%20Subcomm%20Draft.pdf> <http://energycommerce.house.gov/markup/committee-print-includes-following-titles-title-i-modernizing-and-protecting-infrastructure>

### **Legislation Update:**

**Jul 21, 2015 - Introduced** - S. 1818: A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to reform the rule making process of agencies. Sponsor: Sen. James Lankford [R-OK]. This bill was referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs which will consider it before sending it to the Senate floor for consideration. Sen. James Lankford is a member of the committee.

**Jul 21, 2015 – Introduced** - H.R. 3129: To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to change the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure rule with respect to certain farms. Sponsor: Rep. Eric “Rick” Crawford [R-AR1]. This bill was referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure which will consider it before sending it to the House floor for consideration. Rep. Eric “Rick” Crawford is a member of the committee.

**Jul 21, 2015 – Introduced** - H.R. 3143: To provide for a smart water resource management pilot program. Sponsor: Rep. Jerry McNerney [D-CA9]. This bill was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology which will consider it before sending it to the House floor for consideration. Rep. Jerry McNerney is a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

**Jul 21, 2015 - Passed House** - H.R. 1557: Federal Employee Antidiscrimination Act of 2015  
Last Action: On motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: (2/3 required): 403 - 0 (Roll no. 448). This bill passed in the House on July 21, 2015 and goes to the Senate next for consideration.

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### **Tomorrow Week on Capitol Hill:**

**Thursday, July 23, 2015 - House Foreign Affairs Committee** - Will hold a hearing on steps Mexico has taken to reform its energy sector. Witnesses: The Honorable Carlos Pascual, Senior Vice President, IHS Inc., (Former U.S. Ambassador to Mexico); Thomas Tunstall, Ph.D., Research Director, University of Texas at San Antonio Institute for Economic Development, Tony Payan, Ph.D., Director, Mexico Center, Baker Institute for Public Policy, Rice University; and Mr. Eric Farnsworth, Vice President, Council of the Americas and Americas Society.  
2:00pm ET. 2200 Rayburn House Office Building.  
<http://foreignaffairs.house.gov/hearing/subcommittee-hearing-pursuing-north-american-energy-independence-mexico-s-energy-reforms>

**Thursday, July 23, 2015 – House Science, Space, and Technology Committee -**  
Subcommittee on Energy and Subcommittee will hold a joint oversight hearing on the EPA Renewable Fuel Standard Mandate. Witnesses: Mr. Matthew Smorch, Vice President for Strategy and Supply, Country Mark (Refinery); Dr. Jason Hill, Associate Professor of Bioproducts and Biosystems Engineering, University of Minnesota; Mr. Chuck Red, Vice President of Fuels Development for Applied Research Associates, Inc.; and Mr. Tim Reid, Director of Engine Design, Mercury Marine. 2318 Rayburn House Office Building. 10:00am ET.  
<http://science.house.gov/hearing/subcommittee-energy-and-subcommittee-oversight-hearing-epa-renewable-fuel-standard-mandate>